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ITTLE KATY, OF BOT CORN—NEW SONG WRIT-ten by James six meeds upon the Beautiful story pal-hed in the Tribune. This song is destined to have a great to. Published by BORACE WATERS, 533 Breadway. TRE. SECUIN, PROFESSOR OF VOCAL MUSIC

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TES. MEARS' PRENCH & ENGLISH BOARDING and day school for young ladies. Nos. 30 and 32 West floosts street, between F fth and Sixth avenues, will re-per on Monday, September 5. T. ANN'S HALL, FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG lades, 73 Beary street Brooklya Rev. J. F. Sohrooder, D.D., Ractor, will re open on Monday, September 5.

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If touching at white-tone cach may.—The splendid steamer SBE PHERD KNAPP—Cay the James Kennedy having chartered the above boat, will make an exonration to New Rochelle and Glen Cove every Sunday morning, without fail, leaving as follows.—Fost of Spring street, North river, at 8 o'clock: Peck slip. East river, at 8, a'clock: Peck slip. East river, at 8, a'clock: Brooms street, E. R. at 88. Teath street at 9, and c'clock: Brooms street at 94, and will return to the city at 5% o'clock: Exoptain K. Extree and the country of saying the steamer King Fight. Graceful for favors hitherto received, he truste by good management to morits continuance of the same. Best quality of refreshments furnished on beard. Fare 25 cents each way. This boat will stop at College Point cach way.

RAND EXCURSIONS FOR CONEY ISLAND, LAND tog at Fort Hamilton each way.—Fare 12% cents each way.—The new and splendid element ECONOMY, captain LED, Abell, has commenced her regular daily trips for the beasen to Fort Hamilton and Cency Island, leaving as fol-

CRAND EXCURSION AND CELEBRATION TO WINLY field. Angust 89, 8805 - Omnibuses and conveyances with
the save the Grand and Houston street ferries, from the Wilissave the Grand and Houston street ferries, from the Wilissamsburg side, and the Twenty-third street and Cairry
Combetery ferry, every half hour during the day, commontage at a quarter before 9 colook. On this day the lote of
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the day. The public are respectfully invited to participate
the testivities of the occasion. All further information
will be given at the office, No. 5 Tryon row, corner of Chetam street, or by D. HOGAN, on the premises.

G. G. ANDREWS & J. F. KRNDALL.

H. B.—Should the weather prove stormy, the sneursion
will be given the office of the provided the weather prover the surface.

UNDAY EXCURSION. TO SHREWSBURY, LONG Beanch, Ocean House Highland Dock &c. The new and popular steamer GOLDEN GATE, capain F A. Lit 21s, will have the foot of Robinson atreet. North river, to flur tay, august 28th, at 9 colock, A. M. Returning, will be tiled Beart 12% o'clock. P. M. Fare 20 cents.

TNAMELLED COTTAGE FURNITURE SOUTHERN L dealers will find a complete assortment of beaded, ser positine, bigh peet, open cettage, and other styles, at MA THEWS 4 STACU'S 505 Broadway corner of Springstreet. Those who have seen the set No. 34, class 26, Crystall Palson, know how their furniture is floished.

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TORNITURE FOR SALE—A RARE CHANCE.—A family residing in Brooklyn, desirous of brooking up housekeeping, will sell their entire furniture at a bargain if applied for immediately. Everything was new last May. For particulars, address augustas, Herald office.

BILLIARDS.

DilLIARD TABLES FOR SALE—GENTLEWEN IN-bending to purchase tables will do well to call and or-mine our superior made stock, with our latest improve smallers, which are pre-cred to all others now in use. Two peocal hand tables for asic others, GRIFFITH & DECKER, 90 Ann street. BILLIARDS IN BROKETH THE MONTAGUE
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UCTION NOTICE. -- NEW AND SECOND HAND SURDITURE. -- OSGOOD & CANCKLIN will sell this day.

GURNITURE AT AUCTION—R. W. PROST. AUC Totoneer, will sell this day at 10% o'clock, at No. 13 Spruce street as olegant assortment of heusehold furniture, of a family removing to Europe, consisting of oil cloths car-pets, beds and bedding, bureaus, chairs tables, sofas exite beds couch beds, mirrors, paintings, knives and forks silver ware, a choice library of books; also, a fine assortment of rare old wines, liquirs and segars, being the closing stock of an importer. Sale positive.

TOHN L. VANDEWATER, AUCTIONEER. -THIS DAY

JOHN W. SOMERINDYKE, AUCTIONEER—STORE
Il Spruce street. Mortgage sale of diversmith's tools
for Or Woodey August 21, at 143 Wooder street rear, at
le docks, a large quantity of tools energes, place, frames
clears, lather, churks, drift, squeres, traces saws crocks,
bellows, from wices, bench and hand, tungs, laides bouches,
forge, furnaces, nice, burnishers hammers, gouges, levels,
dies for mouding innote, compasses &c de.

JOHN W. SOMERINDYKE, Attorney for Mortgages.

J. dor at 10 o'clock, at 173 Chatham ageare, a large as to tment of furniture. From Fifth attent; also from manufactories, a general assortment. Sale positive, without reserve.

MICHAEL KERKIGAN AUCTIONEER—STORE NO. 153 Chathem street—will sell at auction on Monday. 20th inst. as 10 "clock at No. 19 Prince street, the contents of a grocery and items of a grocery, and items of a grocery, and items, are are, brandy wite, gin, soap, candles, legs, documers, orockery, glassware, do.

wine, gin. soap, candles, kegs, decanters, crockery, glass-ware, &c.

DUSSELL W. WESTCOFT. AUCTIONEER.—HAND-The some household furniture. The attention of housekeepers in invited to the sale of elegan furniture, and house furnitures in the above force, co., on Monday morning, at 100 slook, at No. 72 Eighth avenue, near Fourteenth street embracing all the furniture in the above house, consisting of rich rosewood parlor suits, in brocatelle; elegant rosewood attegers, plate glass doors and back tapostry and three-ply imported room and stair carpets; richly carved rosewood and mahogany centre, plet and soft tables; extension dining and breakfast tables. Freach softs and tothe received and other traces of the stands of tables, extension dining and breakfast tables. Freach softs and tothe received and other traces of the stands of tables, extension dining and breakfast tables. Freach softs and reception chairs, in brocatelle at his cloth; one clogant chamber suits marble top, richly enancilled; richly docorated Parian vases and manbel ornaments; French cumpeteers, fruit distee, and jewel casses; lace window curtains and ornaments; ormelu and in laid clocks; ivory outlery; rich silver ware sets; urns, oastors, baskers, specons. &c. elegantly decorated china sets. Also, a number of oval and other valuable paintings, richly framed; also, a superior r sewond planoforte and stock, with the maker's original full warrance. Catalogues on the morning of sale, which will be positive rain or shine. A deposit will be required of every purchaser, and the goods to be removed immediately from the premises. Also on Wednesday, elegant furniture in Twenty-second street. Particulars on Honday.

W. B. JONES, AUCTIONEER.—SALE THIS DAY OF W. fursiture, at 15 5 pruce street, at 10% A. M. consist-ing of chairs, tables, beta, hedding, five aplended sofas, lunges, carpets one plano stool, one double barrel gun, two Canary birds, and various other articles

Canary birds, and various other articles.

W M B, JONES, AUCTIONEER.—WORTGAGE SALE.—

By virtue of a chartel mortgage, to me duly delivered, 
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TO WHOLESALE BUYERS.—CLOAKS AND MANTIL.

Ins.—The subscriber invites the attention of morchants to his extensive inportations for the present full scienter by Simmolf in Paris during the last menth, and subtraction of a subscriber of the present of the paris during the last menth, and subtraction of wire a subscriber of the present of the largest of the best menth of the largest and ment desirable assortments of made up goods in the city, all of which he offers at wholesale on the most remember to the largest and which he offers at wholesale on the most remember to the largest of which he offers at wholesale on the most remember to the largest of the largest and which he offers at wholesale on the most remember to the largest of the largest of the largest and which he offers at wholesale on the most remember to the largest and the largest lar

serms. GEO. BULPIN. Paris Manuilla Emperium. St. Streadway.

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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH. TRIEGRAPHIC OFFICES, CORPER OF HANOVER AND BEAVES

HIGHLY INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON. The Tripartite Treaty Controversy.

Secretary Marcy's Reply to Lord John Russell, THE HONOR OF AMERICA SHALL BE MAINTAINED The Mather Impeachment Trial.

POLITICAL AND MARITIME INTELLIGENCE.

The Latest from Washington

THE TRIPARTITE TREATY CONTROVERSY—SECRETA BY MARCY'S REPLY TO LORD JOHN RUSSELL— BY MARCY'S EMPLY TO LORD JOHN RUSSELL— THE MISSION TO PRANCE—CHOCTAW INDIAN CLAIMS—THE DESPATCH OF MUNITIONS OF WAR TO THE RIO GRANDE, ETC.

Washington, Aug. 26—8 P. M. We have reason to believe that Lord John Russelt's let t-r relative to the proposition for a tripartie treaty, ha been answered by Mr. Maroy in a manner which will use only convince the English Secretary of State of his want of correct geographical knowledge as to the distance he-tween the United States and Cubs. but also of the fact that any combinations of European powers by which this country is likely to be nearly or remotely affected, will not be regarded with indifference. We are further o opinion that the truly American dostrine enunciated b Mr. Everett in his celebrated State paper in reply and emphasized by the present administration, to the fullest extent. From present appearances, whilst no disposition is manifested to assume a hostile attitude on the part of our government, it is evident that if the threat of Lord John Russell, that Great Britain is free to act singly or in conjunction with other powers, as to her may seem fit, means that she will enter into combinations to thwart the policy of the United States, that there will be no hesitation on the part of President Pierce in pro-

will probably be decided in a few days. If it had been supposed probable that General Cass would accept the position, the President would gladly have availed himself of his great ability and experience in the present critical state of Europe. It is understood the mission has been tendered to Mr. Cobb, and now a waits that gentleman's

terior to examine and adjudicate the claims of certain are present on the attention of the department-in all, some eight or nine hundred, amounting to about one hundred and seventy thousand acres of land. The Secre tary, however, has decided that but one, and that a very small class, is referred to him by Congress for examica tion, and that he will adjudicate no other. This spoils quite a large job.

The ammunition, &c., sent to the Rio Grande, about which such an exciting article is published in a Nea York paper, is merely the necessary and usual supply furnished the number of soldiers now on the frontie and has no reference to hostilities, which are not antic

Movements of the Secretary of War.

vey, arrived at the United States Hotel last evening, from the White Mountains, having crossed Mount Washi and stopped over Tuesday night at the Summit House. They left here this morning, at 7 o'elick, for the survey station on Blue Mountain, near Phillips, Franklin sounty nipety miles distant.

PORTLAND, August 26, 1853. The following candidates for State Senators, for the convention:-Paul Randali, Wm Cowell, John A. Water-

The following were nominated by the democratic areg

New ORLEANS, August 23, 1853. Later advices from Mexico are at hand. Santa Anna had issued a decree suppressing the title of "sovereign" heretofore prefixed to the various States.

Hon Y. Zamerez, late Minister of the Treasury, From Texas, we have still further election returns, but

NEW ORIEANS, August 24, 1853. The steamship Crescent City arrived here yesterday from Havana, but brings no news of importance

WRECK OF THE BRIGANTINE ADELAIDE—PAILURE OF THE CROPS, ETC.

CHARLESTON, August 25, 1853.

The British schooner Dreadnought from Na-sau 17th inst , has arrived here, bringing as passengers the widow

Island reef. Captain Clark arrived at Nassau on the 14th. and reported the materials saved and disposed of at Har-bor Island. We have no particulars. The pineapple speculation has proved a losing gam-

A great failure of the crops is reported at the Grand mas, and it was feared the inhabitants would suffer

The Military Encampment at Syre SYRACUSE, August 26, 1853.

Rochester companies went home, filling several cars.

The Press banquet last night went of very well—Vi vius Smith presided. Speeches were made by Gov. Seymour, Mayor McCarthy, ex Senator Stanton, Mr. Mea-gher, Col. Seward, and others.

The Forgeries on the Casco Bank. ST. JOHN N B , August 25, 1853. last night, but sentence has not been pronounced, as some law points are to be argued in February next

mate conviction is certain. The Cotton Crops, &c.

BALTIMORE August 26, 1853. The Alabama, Florida and Mississippi papers complain of excessive rains doing great injury to the cotton crops The city of Charleston continues very healthy, the tota number of deaths last week being only 20.

From Cincienati. A MAN ARRESTED FOR STEALING BANK NOTE PLATES, ETC. CINCINNATI August 26, 1863.

A man named Lamb, who had been foreman in Rahas been arrested on the charge of stealing impra-sions from plates of the Ohio State Stock Bank. There seems to be no doubt as to his guilt, and that it was brough him the stolen notes in circulation were ob-

The river is still rising slowly. Freights to St. Louis

The excursionists who participated in the Sunbury Railroad opening returned to this city this evening, highly delighted with the pleasures of the trip.

A small boat on the river, containing two men, was run down this evening by the railroad steamboat Richard Stockton. One man was drowed, but the other was rescued. The pilot was not to blame, as the boat attempted to cross his bow.

Accident to the Brig Swan,
Borron, August 26, 1858.
The brig swan, from Philadelphia, got amore on George
Sland, but was torsed off by the steamer Bosous, and at
august but highly damned.

The Court of Impeachment. CONTINUATION OF THE TRIAL OF JOHN C. MATHER SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE NEW YORK BERALD

At ten o'clock, being the usual hour, the Presiden quorum of members answered to their names. Two or three of the managing counsel were absent. Mr. sia ther, with Mesers. Peckham, Brady and Reynolds, were

he had made an examination of the papers on file, but was unable to find the letting 'slate," prepared by

J. T. Clark, an engineer.
George Graham, the next witness, resides in Oneida county; was superinter dent last year; Mather visited his section of the canal several times during the season of 1862; he went upon the canal with Mather for examina tion; the engineers visited his section very frequently; has no knowledge how often Mather was upon his sec-tion; has met him on the canal and heard of his having been on the line when witness did not see him

Francis Newkirk-Is superintendent of section three, Erie canal, thirty miles in leo in; Mather visited his sec tion two or three times; he came to examine some en quently; the public it erest did not require the attend ares of Mather; he received letters from Mather giving

two, comprising some twenty-five miles of canal; Mather has been on his section several times, and on one occasion travelled with bim (witness) its entire length; never conversed in relation to politics; heard that Mather wa on the live at times when witness did not see him; conferred with Mather frequently on the subject of rep &c . the interests of the State did not suffer by the ab

kc. the interests of the State did not suffer by the absence of Mather; witness was directed by Mather to connomise in the expenditure of money, and he spent no more than he considered necessary.

Mr. Graham recalled He-extended about \$24,000 during the year 1852, which was necessary for repairs; Mather requested him to use the utmost economy, and those instructions he (\*itness) literally obeyed.

Mr. Hoomis—Gall Charles Gook

Mr. Hastings, on same sits—Oh no; not now; he has been called so often. But ex-Commissioner Cook was not put upon the stand.

[I: may be well to state that one of the articles charges Mather with having neglected his duty, in not visiting the entique sections of the canals noder his charge.]

Henry Partick sworn—Is a tumber dealer, delivered lumber as twest Troy for the State in 1881; hendock timber as twest Troy for the State in 1881; hendock timber could have been delivered there between October. 1881, and April 1882, for from \$40 to \$12 per thousand feet boa of measure, he made application to turnish the cumber for the West Troy cand dooks the pine timber could have been furnished for \$22 to \$25 per thou and; the market price for hemlock timber ranged from eight to mine dollars; timber was down at that time. The sit ness timed on his examination that he never made any large contracts, nor does he knew from whom the timber could have been produced at the prices stated; he went further, and concluded by saying that he did not know what the market price of hemsock timber was during the interfor 1851-2.

William McGourkey, clerk in the Auditor's office, produced abstracts of the cost of timber used in the dock spikes of, was worth from ten to twelve dollars per thousand, there would be not diffour ty in turnishing tum her st those prices at the time spoken of, viz. between those from Rensslear county; he had never bought any extension to be delivered in the wister seasou; had never dealt in the a ticle, nor made purchases except for his own use.

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Heman Mather, a witness—Lives in West Troy: is engaged in the lumber business and acquainted with the market; he had been furnishing timber similar to that used in the docks. for from \$12 to \$15 per thousand, this

ber during the period specified—that is, between September 1861 and April 1862

Edward James, another eleck under Newell, was called, who produced an original record of the minutes of the Canal Board, though that record was not kept by himself. There are no resolutions on file changing the plars for the construction of the West Troy dook.

It is alleged in the articles that Mather paid more for timber than it was worth, and that he attered the plan for building those dooks, without authority from the Canal Beard.

William J. Skinner, sworn —Was Superintendent in 1852—and is so new—of Section four, comprising twenty-three miles; the amount of repairs during that year amounted to about \$24.600; met Mather at Little Falls by appointment; he visited the line several times; was on section frequently; is on good terms with Mather.

Mr. R. might leave the court until Monday morning, which was assented to, and Mr. Roosevelt left the chamber.

Mr. Lamport called—He would have furnished the dock timber at Weet froy for twelve dollars per thousand.

Miner C. Story called and sworn—He lives in Pough keepsle; is a contrastor, was in Abbany in December, 1851; was in the city during a part of the time the letting board was in ression; he bid for a large proportion of the work between Abbany and Rooshester; there were four sections awarded to him; did not advocate any other person's claims; George Law he proposed as suresty; had an interest in Mr. Law's proposition; there was no understanding between them; witness was in Albany at the time Engineer Seymour went to Canada; he was absent about a week; knows notating of the "slate" agreed upon in the State hall; thinks he did telegraph to Mr. Seymour to Canada; did not occupy a room in Congress Hall near Mr. Seymour's comm, does not know which room was occupied by the letting board; did not urge my claims upon any member of the letting board; had no conversation with any member in reference to contracts; had no conference with either Mr. Abeel or A. B. Dickinson; did not dispose of his interest in any of the sections awarded to him; there was ne arrangement nor understanding with George Law with regard to sharing in these contracts, that one one of the contracts that present was Mr. Church, with whom he had considerable conversation.

Charles Cotk, late Canal Commissioner, called and

keepels, by a member of the Canal Board, that person was Mr. Church, with whom he had considerable conversation.

Charles Cock, late Canal Commissioner, called and sworp—The questions put to this winess related generally to the specifications and estimates preparatory to the lettings, under the law of 1851, together with rules and regulations adopted by the Canal Board, applicable to prepositions for work under that law. Witness knew of no arrangement by which whigs were to have the great portion of the work; himself or M. Seynour prepared the first "slate" for the miodie division; but in making the allot-merts no political considerations were brought in question; the board met at the bouse of Cagger, and it sas there proposed to give George Law a million and half, and divide the rest equally between the two political parties. Chatfield would not agree but proposed to give Law a million; it was finally agreed to allot the contracts as equal as possible between the two parties. There was no member of the board who was in favor of siving the contracts to the lowest bidder. The way the lettings were made, was by taking us the first section on the eastern division, and running through the propositions, to accertain who were supposed to be most competent, having in view a political equilibrium, and so on through the whole work the ground of refusing the award to Payne was, because it was understood that his surety was also his partner, and who had abandore de certain work previously awarded him. Some of the bidders were of a class of men who generally bid the lowest, who were such as the board lid not think it trudent to give any contracts. Every member of the letting board had sheet preferences for contractors, having reference to competency, see arity, &c.

The examination of this witness covered the whole a member of the Canal Board, and also of the Letting Hoard, but the details were too y and uninteresting for publication. He was kept on the stand until six o'clock, the hour of aljournment.

During the examinat

SARATOGA, August 26, 1853.

The trotting contest, for a purse of five hundred dollars which took place between Flora Temple and Tacony, this sfterneen, was won by the former in three straight heats.

Markets.

Charlesto, August 25, 1853.

The sales of cotton during the past week have been 1 440 bales, the market showing no change in prices. The receipts of the week foct up 2 200 bales, and the stock on hand in white port is 6,550 bales. The receipts at all the scuttern ports are now 195,900 bales in excess of the palms date had junc.

ANOTHER TREMENDOUS CONFLAGRATION.

Total Description of the Steamer Cherokee

Yesterday evening, shortly after 7 o'clock a bright oly burst up towards the heavens, fliamins ting momentarily a great part of the city, evidently giving notice that a fire of some importance had broken out. At the same time the City Hall bell rang an alarm of fire for the Fight's district, and the scene of the couffs riation was soon made known—the report being spread that the fire was among the shipping.

This intelligence was seen found to be tee true; and or bas'eeing to the spot on the North river side, a scene presented itself that beggars ail description. The steamer Churches one of the Havane and New Orleans o'cle ck. P. M., for New Orleans via Ravana, was in one

She was lying at the Company's dock, of the foot of Warren street, North river, and all the necessary arrangements for her voyage had been ormple ely made; her ca go, which was a very valuable freight consisting of all kinds of merchanilie. including a large amount of specie, to be shipped to New Orleans, and a large quantity of oil bast been stored sway in the hold and other parts of the vessel. Tuest berths had been taken by the passengers, who, however, were not on board, waiting for the last moment of sailing, and no one was there except the private watchman and a few of the officers and men that compose I a portion of the crew. Suddenly, as mentioned above, a bright flame shot up from arout midship of the reads, but whether it proceeded from the hold or from the gal ley, where the cooking is performed, and which is sixuated not been able to ascertate. On the alarm being given the fire engines from all parts of the city hurried to the spot, and proceeded to play upon the burning seamer from the pier at the foot of Warren street, beside wnich she lay. As soon as possible several seem tugs, six er seven in number, were brought up to the side and in front of the vessel, which a tempted to low her out juto the stream, but this was found to be an impossibility. as the steamer had stuck to the mud the water being very low at the time, and the tide still going form and streyed.

It being found impossible to get the vessel from her berth, an attempt was made, after she had been burning for nearly two hours, to souttle her; for which purpose holes were bared with augura into her sides, at the water line, and a plank taken out from the larboard side, which was farthest from the side of the pier, below the paddle wheel. This attempt, however, was also unclean, from these openings were soon above the water mark. In the near lime the firemen had not been idle. The hose of the engines was playing upon every part of the burning vessel, and numbers went on board to save the not be done, all that was saved being the live stoss, con sisting of a cow, sheep and bogs-the former being in tended for providing the passengers with milk during the voyage. The bencoops, which were full of poultry, turwere also all the bammoeks that had been prepared for the day of sailing. The most hazardous part of their stowed away below. One barrel was good out safe, when the firemen were alarmed by several successive explo sions, which were not, however, very load, and therefore could not have proceeded from any large quantity—bu:

among those who happened to be on board.

Some slight injuries were consequent upon the event. the parties were not however hurt by the explosion, but injured by falls, in their hurry to escape from the sug-

posed scene of danger.

One fireman, a member of a hook and ladder company, who was on the starboard wheel house, the side neares to the pier, stumbled in attempting to get off and was

Another Greman, a member of Hose Company No. 11. named Van Buren, was on the plank that led from the steemer to the side of the pier, and in hurrying along from the vessel to the shore would have fallen into toe water if he had not been laid hold of by another fireman, named David Price, belonging to Hote Company No 23. Some time after, a man fell from the dock, at the foot of Warren street, into the river, and would have been drowned but for the timely aid of two boats, filled we for it was rather dark below at the foot of the dock— succeeded in finding him, and took him ashore to the next pier, at the oot of Murray atreet, where, after ap-plying some restoratives he was sufficiently wall to go

hour in the evening when the fire broke out, attracted

myriads of spectators on the Warren street pier. A platoon of offisers, belonging to the Third ward, un-der the command of Capt. Hopkins and Lieut. Olmst.ed, were stationed for the purpose of preserving order. These latter formed a condon across the pier, and prevented the spectators from getting any nearer, as their presence would have materially impeded the efforts of the firemen Considering the muddy and filthy condition of the pier and street, it is surprising that any indifferent person

could be induced to stop in so unpleasant a position. confined nature of the locality, and its narrow width, a very large number could no; be brought into ; lay together.

The wiser portion of the spectators proceeded to the adjoining pier, at the foot of Murray street, where they could view the scene with less discomfort, and without any degree of a wetting. Here they were stationed in thousands, for the wind being from the southeast, they

were blown in a contrary direction.
So eager was their curiosity, and so large the number of spectators, that the owners of two barges that lay alongside the pier at the foot of Murry street, on the other side of the dock, in which the burning steamer was moored, were under apprehension that their boats would be sunk by those who got on board of them, to obtain a bes-ter view of the configuration. One of these was the barge Republic which arrived on Thursday from Poughkeepsie laden with 5,000 bushels of grain, the whole of which hundred people, who rushed on to the upper decks, was too much for the parties in charge, who, fearful that the boat weuld sink with the increased weight, were com-pelled to call in the aid of the police to drive the inquisitive intruders off. From a very early period the fismes were bursting out from all sides of the vessel, that part of the hold where the oil was stowed being parti-

At half-past nine o'clock the smokepipe caved in, fall ing with a crash, and about ten o'clock the foremest began to show symptoms of falling, being considerably melined from its right position. The mainment was in their tops had caught fire, the flames from which re sembled at a distance clear lights on the masts, such as are sometimes used by vessels at sea in coming into har-bor. At a quarter past ten the rudder ropes were burned that there was not the slightest chance of saving her at all. The efforts of the firemen were now directed to the forepart, where it was stated that the specie had been stowed; but there appeared no probability of saving it, the whole ship, from stem to stern, being one large bonfire, the flames and smoke issuing from all directions, and it was expected when our reporter left that she would continue burning all night. Unfortunately, there was blowing a rather stiff breeze from the southeast, which aided in keeping up the confiagra-tion, fanning the flames as a bellows, so that the water played upon the fire was of very little service. In adcliion to this must be considered the nature of the ma-terial, wood, and the large quantity of combatible mer-chandise on board, including a large quantity of oil, which added fresh fuel continually to the destructive element. The names of the consigness of the cargo we have not been able to ascertain, but we suppose that they are insured, as this is always done by shippers; bat the names of the insurance offices on which the losses

QUARTER TO TWELVE O'CLOCK.

the pier to under and around the malnmest, and from fismes are extending downward, and have pared the edge of the water wark a long time since. Immediately under the stern there are three large open seams in the planks, which have burst with the heat, and through which two separate etrans—one of fire and the other of water—are pouring into the river, each one being quite distinct from the other. The crosstress, ropes, and all tackle of the mainmant, were burned out at Il c'olode, the intense heat having shot off the last brands like sky leaning over northward, and toppling to its fall. The mires must is burning at its base and leaning towards the dock, the ropes and tackie remain good as the water is being played with great force from the stern. The banging down and burning. A clear bleze is momentally encircling the bows of the ill-fated vessel, and as quently temporarily auppressed with the steady stronger of water, but always bursting out with increased fury The wheel which is next to the pier is being gradually sepa ated from the boll of the ship and leans over from All hopes of saving the vessel are absordened, and in the morning. The aremen are working with un-

abated arcor. FURTHER PARTICULARS. Every effort to move the Cherokee ou, into the stream

with a view to sen tiling her, failed, as she was stuck fast in the med. She careled tome of her coal aft of the the great strength of the fire in that portion of the res-fel. About tenive o'clock last night it was thought that a large portion of the dry goods which had been shipped were burning, as the flam was very clear and field, sinking for a mement and these rising to an increased height. The pier was then covered to its extreme end, on either side with a crowd of pea-ple, the ranks of which were regularly filled by frach arrivals every talf hour. The upper decks of the steamer Republic and the other boats lying at the pier were crowded with hundreds of people; and as their extons cour tenances were reflected by the light from the burningstersel, the effect was grand; but very maddening Every one expressed the greatest regret for the loss of such a favorite steamer. One goutleman told us that we was walking at the foot of Warren street twenty minutes smoke in the direction of the ship, but, although looking dreaming that any calausty such as this could occur at such an early hour. Returning from a short walk, he saw it increase, and at that moment the slarm was given, and the ongines immediately poured down. This gestieman was Cherokee at either time when he as a the smoke, and b Observed that at this particular moment she was an en-inferred that at this particular moment she was an even in ched; a statement for the truth of which we do not by any means voich, but mention the fact just as he normated it to a crowd. All norts of runner were allow at a late hour. The ship was in a sneet of fisme at the moment of our last reports but the freemen still worked on, and they sid out this test the fismes would be com-trolled or exhausted before this morning. The reflection of the fismes from the clear blue sky caused istense-sizers to the people living along the Jersey shore, as they tempined that a large portion of the shipping was on fire.

MERTING OF THE SLEVENTH WARD BRIGADS-OR-GANIZATION, RESOLUTIONS, ETC. A meeting was held to Manhetian Hall, Fourth pirect, last evening, of person, favorably disposed to of which organization has already been brioted in this paper. This meeting having adjourned from Friday evening, 19th the same officers, John 3 Conckin, President, and Issue Rolyen, Secretary, officiated. About one littrated persons were present. The minutes of the last meeting having been approved the following report of the committee appearated at the last meeting, being a list of ward officers, was read and approved:-For the Association -Mr. J. P. Conckin, Chairman; Isaac Relyes, Secretary. Delegates to the General Committee-L. L. Juhnson, N. Miller, M. T. Harris. Ward Committee—Gould Sellsck Mr. Ingursoll, J. C. Taylor, Q. Chuyler, J. W. Seaman Calco Miller, John Levia, Ogras Schoummaker, Isaac T. Jones, S. Hasaghwur, S. Rosewik, William Barber, Jacob Lewis, J. B. Shaata, and Corneline

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Mr L L Johnson then presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted.

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Wheneas. The people of this S size, long sives determined by legislative action no, to allow the entailment of real estate beyond two lives in being, because the accumulation of large lended extetes in the hands of one person, is believed to be injurious to the mass et, and dangerous to liberty; and whereas, an attempt has been made to procure an act of special legislation vesting real estate worth militious in the hands of a foreigner as Hishop; therefore.

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Resolved, That we beartily deep as those political haoks, who degrade themselves and the name of Americans, by frowning and cringing at the footstool of bigstry and fasanticism, in order that they may or lited a step higher in often.

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Capt. Bremer, the first of the Bremen line of steamship Franklin street, Nath river, yesterday morning at eight c'clock. The G. sailed from Bremen on the 2d of Au gust, and has had a long passage of mearly twenty-the days. She brings about twenty six passengers, a list of whom will be found elsewhere, and a very valuable

Humbeldt, Capt. Lines, leaves this port at twelve o'clock

The Great Sur.—We understand that the ship of about 4 000 tons, now building by Mr. Donald Makay, East Boston, will be completed in about five weeks, and that Mr. McKay intends to name her the Great Republic. 

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be hand to the Captain and officers of the Cortes, and that a co of the same be published in the San Francisco and No York papers.

(Signed.)

West. T. Coleman, Hiram C. Hardman, Prevident, Sections.